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Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar :—" May I know whether there is any student of the depressed class reading in the Agricultural College ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Notice."

Irrigation

Special establishment for the construction of a reservoir across the Ponniar river.

*1777 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. Swami : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government intend to sanction the cost of special establishment asked for by the Chief Engineer in 1927 for the investigation of the scheme to construct a reservoir across the Ponniar river;

(*b*) what is the probable extent of land that might be irrigated by the proposed reservoir; and

(*c*) why this matter has been delayed so long ?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 1353 delivered on 1st February 1929.

II

MOTIONS ON THE BUDGET FOR 1929-30.

DEMAND XI—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION—SECRETARIATS—*cont.*

The hon. the President :—" The Council will now resume consideration of Demand XI. Mr. Kaleswara Rao will continue his speech."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" Mr. President, I referred to the arrest of Mr. Manoranjana Gupta at Bezwada in the night. He was suffering from 102° fever and also from very serious cough.

" I do not propose to deal in detail with the detention of Mr. Narayana Menon in prison. There is a separate cut for that and I wish only to say that the hon. Mr. Krishnan Nayar when he was a non-official Member was the most vehement supporter . . ."

* The hon. the President :—" The hon. Member has already said that the cut regarding the release of Mr. Narayana Menon will be moved. The hon. Member will therefore not be justified in anticipating that motion. Secondly the present question has reference only to the Government's policy of repression and not to the release of prisoners. I request the hon. Member to pass on to the next item in his list of acts of repression."

*Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" I wish to submit that the Government's attitude in the case of the release of Aminabi and giving an amnesty to Mappilla rebels and putting a stop to the colonization of Andamans by Mappillas has become adamantine.

" As soon as the Congress was over, policemen have been let loose to follow, watch and shadow, sit in front of their house and annoy political workers in the various parts of the province and they have been shadowing them to such an extent that they frightened people from giving them shelter and food. That